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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **PATENT** application of:

Applicants: Thomas R. Moreland & Kurt M. Tauscher

Application No.: 09/768,885

For: ELECTRICALLY HEATED AIRCRAFT DEICER PANEL
WITH STITCHED HEATER STRAND (*as amended*)

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Examiner: John A. Jeffery

Art Unit: 3742

AMENDMENT FILED WITH APPEAL BRIEF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend claims 1 and 13 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An aircraft deicer panel comprising an inner support layer which is electrically insulating, an outer cover layer which is thermally conducting, a heater layer which is electrically insulating, and an electrical heating element attached to the heater layer;

wherein the electrical heating element comprises an electrically conductive strand stitched in the heater layer in a heat-dissipating pattern;

wherein the stitched heater layer is joined to the inner support [surface] layer and the outer cover layer; and

wherein the inner support layer has a bondside surface adapted to be secured an ice-susceptible surface of an aircraft.

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